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Grand Jury issues superseding indictment of Earl Bradley

Georgetown – Yesterday the Sussex County Grand Jury issued an indictment of Earl Bradley that replaces the February 22, 2010 indictment.

This superseding indictment involves no new alleged victims or any new alleged incidents. Instead, yesterday's indictment reorganizes the charges contained in the February indictment based on the investigation and identification process that has been ongoing since December 2009. Specifically, several alleged victims who were listed under several different Jane Doe numbers in the February indictment have since been identified as being the same victim in multiple alleged incidents. Charges pertaining to each of these alleged victims have now been consolidated under one Jane Doe number for each victim.

The superseding indictment also includes four additional charges of Continuous Sexual Abuse of a Child, which pertain to multiple incidences of alleged abuse of certain victims previously identified. Trial in this case is scheduled to begin on February 14, 2011.

The Delaware Department of Justice reminds the public that an indictment is merely an allegation and is not evidence of guilt. Defendants are presumed innocent and are entitled to a jury trial at which the State bears the burden of proving each charge beyond a reasonable doubt.